

BIOGRAPHY

Dennis E. Eckart was first elected to the United States Congress from the Cleveland, Ohio area in 1980.

Dennis served on the influential House Energy and Commerce Committee and the Small Business Committee where he chaired the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Deregulation, and Ecology, which had jurisdiction over anti-competitive and environmental activities affecting small business.

In Congress, Dennis served as co-chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC), the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Northeast-Midwest Congressional Coalition, and as a Deputy Democratic Whip.

The Congress enacted numerous legislative initiatives authored by Rep. Eckart, such as an update of the Superfund program to reform management of dangerous toxic chemical waste sites, The Safe Drinking Water Act to protect the quality of the nation's drinking water, a measure to assist in retraining dislocated workers, and Rep. Eckart's Great Lakes Research and Management Act to remove toxins threatening the quality of the Great Lakes.

During his tenure, he was recognized by Congressional Quarterly, U.S. News and World Report and The National Journal as one of Congress' rising leaders. Even George Will recognized Dennis Eckart's contributions to the Congress in his recent book on congressional reform.

In the 100th Congress, Rep. Eckart authored the successful legislation for the privatization of Conrail. In the 101st Congress, he wrote the law to require federal facilities to abide by the same environmental laws as private companies. Congressman Eckart was author of many key provisions in the historic Clean Air Act, including provisions which will curb urban smog. He also helped engineer the provision on acid rain which will cut acid rain-causing pollutants while enduring fair treatment for the Midwest. Rep. Eckart was, in 1992, the author of legislation to provide for new regulation and competition for area cable systems and also passed legislation to settle the nations 1992 rail strike.

Prior to being elected to the U.S. Congress, Dennis served three two-year terms in the Ohio House of Representatives, was an attorney in private practice and earlier was an assistant Lake County Prosecutor.

Dennis, an attorney admitted to the Bar in the State of Ohio, was born April 6, 1950. He is a 1971 graduate of Xavier University (Cum Laude) in Cincinnati, Ohio and a 1974 graduate of the Cleveland Marshall College of Law of Cleveland State University.

Dennis has appeared on CBS This Morning, ABC's Nightline, CNN's Crossfire, the BBC and National Public Radio, while also serving as a Contributing Editor at WEWS-TV in Cleveland. He served as an appointed member of the American Bar Association Congressional

Process Committee and was a public member of the board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

In 1994, Dennis was appointed by the United States Department of State to head the U.S. Delegation to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe for their annual Implementation Conference on Human Rights.

Dennis was a partner with the Ohio based law firm of Arter & Hadden, LLP. During Dennis' 6 year tenure as a partner in the firm, he built and maintained a successful legal and legislative affairs practice. With annual billings significantly in excess of \$1 million, Dennis managed matters for more than a dozen clients on a wide array of issues: merger and acquisition, regulatory and legislative affairs, real estate and environmental issues, and entertainment and telecommunications projects.

Dennis accepted an invitation for partnership with Baker & Hostetler, LLP in 1999 where he works out of their Washington, D.C. and Cleveland offices. He maintains a successful legal and legislative affairs practice, with clients that include Motorola, The Hearst Corporation, American Gaming Association, Edison Electric Institute, News Corporation, Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, The BFGoodrich Company and American Iron & Steel Institute.

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